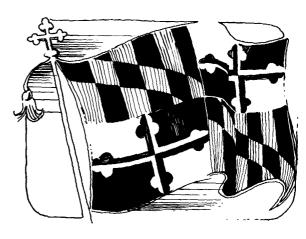
STATE FLAG—Maryland's flag bears the arms of the Calvert and Crossland families. Calvert was the family name of the Lords Baltimore who founded Maryland. Crossland was the family of the mother of the first Lord Baltimore. The escutcheon or shield in the Maryland Seal bears the same arms. This flag in its present form was first flown on October 25, 1888, on the Gettysburg Battlefield during ceremonies dedicating monuments to the Maryland regiments of the Army of the Potomac. It was officially adopted by Chapter 48, Acts of 1904. The cross botonny affixed to the top of the flagstaff was made the official ornament by Chapter 862, Acts of 1945 (Code 1957. 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 72-74).





STATE FISH—By Chapter 513, Acts of 1965, the striped bass or rockfish (Roccus saxatilis) was designated as the official fish of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 71A).

STATE SONG—The Maryland State song, "Maryland, My Maryland," was written by a Marylander who was living in the Confederacy during the War between the States. The air is not original. Its words reflect the bitter feeling following the passage through Baltimore of Union troops in 1861 (Chapter 451, Acts of 1939; Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 79).

